

Dear Caroline,

18 June 2020

Thank you for your prompt reply.

I am only asking that you dedicate ten or twenty minutes, and widely send out a short press release, using your own words to me.

I've composed the body of it for you (see below).

Do this before the next administrative hearing, due to take place on 29 June (in preparation for the full hearing on 7 September).

You can add simply that you are issuing such a press release to join your voice in support of (amongst many others) Tasmanian Greens senator Peter Whish Wilson, a founding member of the multi-party Australian Parliamentary Friends of the Bring Julian Assange Home Group.

Before the 1 June hearing, the group led a coalition of eight Australian MPs, four senators and a number of members of Australia's legislature, including Green senator Peter Whish Wilson, Andrew Wilkie, George Christensen, Zali Steggall, Richard Di Natale and Adam Bandt.

They wrote to their foreign affairs minister urging a diplomatic representation be made to the UK government to ask that Assange be released on bail. Following advice from his doctors, Julian was unable to attend in person nor via video link because of ill-health.

I am certain you will be on the right side of history by joining in with other Green politicians and elected representatives in Julian's home country Australia.

Thank you very much.

Regards,

Natasha

<https://www.theguardian.com/media/2020/jun/01/julian-assange-misses-court-hearing-amid-calls-in-australia-for-his-release>

<https://www.theguardian.com/media/2020/jun/15/julian-assange-indictment-fails-to-mention-wikileaks-video-that-exposed-us-war-crimes-in-iraq>

PRESS RELEASE [draft]

Julian Assange is a political prisoner. He should not be put at risk of extradition to the United States.

I sincerely hope that the Judge will find that Julian Assange's safety and human rights cannot be guaranteed in the United States.

It is clear that he should be afforded his full rights here in the UK.
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